

CITY OFFICERS
WANT NEW TERMSAll Ask for Support Except
Police Justice Crutch-
field.

Sometime in the early part of JULY—the exact date has not yet been set—the Common Council and the Board of Aldermen will meet in joint session for the election of a long list of city officers. The list includes: Sergeant-at-Arms for the City Council, Clerk of Council Committees, City Clerk, City Attorney, City Engineer, Superintendent of the City Home, Superintendent of the Gas Works, Superintendent of the Water Works, Superintendent of Street Cleaning, Building Inspector, Clerk to City Auditor, Inspector and Gauger, Police Justice, District Physicians, one Fire Commissioner, one Police Commissioner and a number of smaller officers.

Though there is apparently no opposition to the incumbents, they all have publicly announced their desire to stand for re-election with the single exception of Police Justice J. J. Crutchfield. While there is little chance that any of them will have opposition, all the candidates save Justice Crutchfield have gone through the formality of making their announcements by way of making assurance doubly sure.

It is presumed, of course, that Justice Crutchfield will be elected to the office whether or not. As every one knows, he has been the presiding officer of the basement court for several years, and is looked upon as a sort of fixture like the witness chair and the press box. The fact remains, however, that he has said nothing of his intention of becoming a candidate in the coming election.

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Circuit Court Adjourns.
Bowling Green, Va., June 19.—The Circuit Court of Caroline, which reconvened on Monday morning for the trial of criminal cases, adjourned on Wednesday evening. On Monday, Theodore R. Campbell, who was charged with shooting John A. Flippo, was fined \$50. On Tuesday Andrew Harris, colored, was given ten years in the penitentiary for shooting the magistrate and constable in Port Royal, who went to arrest him for some minor charge.

CATAMBA MONEY
TO BE RETURNED

Appropriation for Sanatorium
Cannot Legally Be Spent
at Salem.

FIRE ESCAPES DEMANDED

Factories of Four or More Stories
Must Be Equipped—Rabies
Treatment Finished.

Replying to the query recently made by State Auditor C. Lee Moore, Attorney-General Samuel W. Williams has ruled that no part of the appropriation made by the Legislature for "betterments at Catawba Sanatorium" can be used for buildings at Salem, where it was proposed to erect a receiving hospital, where incoming patients could be cared for.

The State Health Department announced weeks ago, in view of the fact that a legal point had been raised that the plan to operate at Salem had been abandoned. However, the land had been bought and paid for at a cost of \$3,200. This will be made by the department, and it is expected that the next Legislature will make a special appropriation to cover the purchase and to permit of the consummation of the idea.

In a letter to State Health Commissioner Williams, Auditor Moore asks for the return of the amount paid for the land. This will be done without delay, from the funds appropriated for the use of the department.

The construction placed upon the appropriation by the department and by the State Board of Health was that a sum of \$30,000 could be used to make the hospital, to erect a tuberculosis patients more effective. Having a receiving hospital, where the condition of patients could be studied before being dismissed or sent on to Catawba, was regarded as strictly a "betterment."

REQUIRE FIRE ESCAPES

Law Not Observed by All Manufacturing Establishments.

An inspector for the Bureau of Labor is investigating the matter of fire-escapes in manufacturing establishments. The law requires that in buildings of more than three stories in height suitable fire-escapes must be installed, to insure the safety of employees. This includes mercantile establishments which have workshops or altering departments.

At present the inspector is in Lynchburg, where he has found several establishments which are not complying with the law. All owners of such buildings are first notified and are given reasonable time to put in the escapes. It is believed his statute has been overlooked in many parts of the State.

TREATMENT COMPLETE

Patrick County Family Threatened
With Rabies—Will Go Home.

The family of the late R. L. Rickman, who died of hydrophobia in Patrick county one month ago, will return home tonight. Mrs. Rickman, her eight children, the husband of one of her daughters and his two children, twelve in all, have been receiving the Pasteur treatment for rabies at the offices of the State Highway Department for the past twenty-one days. All of the unfortunates have kept well, and have been receiving the treatment regularly. The actual period of three weeks will not expire until tomorrow, but at this stage the two last doses may be given in one day, and will be administered to-day, one this morning and the other this afternoon. State bacteriologist Meade Ferguson, who is in charge of this work, is well satisfied with the outcome.

C. & O. Men May Go to Camp.

In answer to the letters sent out by Adjutant-General, the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway company replies that it will be glad to allow its employees to attend the military camp at Mt. Gretna, Pa., to any extent, that does not interfere with its service to the public.

Mr. Jones Pays Fee.

Representative William A. Jones, of the First District, has filed his primary entrance fee of \$375 with State Treasurer Asher W. Harman. He is opposed by E. R. Buxton, of Newport News.

Wants Official Documents.

Acting under the new law, State Librarian R. B. Melville is requesting the mayors of all Virginia cities and towns to send to the library copies of all official publications. Colleges and schools receiving State aid are also required to file such publications.

Officials at V. M. I.

State School Superintendent J. D. Eggleston has returned from the Virginia Military Institute finals. Governor Mann and Adjutant-General Sale are expected back to-day.

FACULTY MEMBERS HONORED.

Eaton College Professors Receive Honorary Degrees.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Eaton College, N. C., June 19.—That the work of the members of the faculty in Eaton College of being recognized abroad is evidenced by the number of honorary degrees conferred on members of the faculty. Union College, Merom, Ind., has conferred the degree of LL. D. on President W. B. Harper, M. A., and Defiance College, Defiance, Ohio, has conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity on Professor W. C. Wicker, LL. D., of the chair of mathematics.

The plans of new gymnasium are in the hands of the architect and the building, modern in all of its appointments, is to be erected and equipped by the early fall. The trustees at their recent session saw the necessity of this building and provided for its immediate erection.

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS WILL
WORK IN KANSAS WHEAT FIELDS

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Charlottesville, Va., June 19.—The following University of Virginia students have gone to Southern Kansas, where they have been engaged to work in the wheat fields during the summer months: Marshall Gravatt, of Port Royal; Harry Howard, of Warrenton; Placogru Woolfolk, of Richmond; David McCormas French, Jr., of Newport News; J. Coleman, of Trenton, Tenn.; John Richard Wingfield, Jr., of Charlottesville; James Edgar Parls, of Red Hill; Kenneth Kyle McCormick, of Charlottesville; Carter Berkeley Cooke, of Richmond; Oliver Patton Echols, of the University of Virginia; and Drury Winston Burnley, of Charlottesville. Starting in Kansas, these men will work their way up the wheat belt toward the Canadian border.

An Injustice

TO THE PEOPLE OF RICHMOND would be the only possible result of granting an electric light and power franchise to the Richmond and Henrico Railway Company.

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Because competition in electric service always and inevitably leads to an IMPAIRED SERVICE AND A HIGHER PRICE FOR THAT SERVICE.

Because TWO generating plants and TWO distribution systems cannot possibly perform the same service for the same territory as economically as ONE plant and system—this is self-evident even to an ordinarily intelligent school-boy.

Because the Richmond and Henrico Railway Company DOES NOT AND CANNOT offer any better service than is now provided in Richmond; and, in fact, DOES NOT OFFER ANYWHERE NEAR SO GOOD, EXTENSIVE AND INCLUSIVE A SERVICE as is now provided. What it seeks to do is to build a system limited to the heart of the city, to gobble up the "cream" of the light and power business from the stores, shops, factories, without going out into the residence sections at all.

Because the Richmond and Henrico Railway Company DOES NOT OFFER ANY LOWER PRICE FOR ANY KIND OF SERVICE. That company fought most strenuously against any provision in its proposed franchise requiring lower rates than those now paid in Richmond.

Because any competition it will or can offer will only lessen the ability of the present company to extend its lines or reduce its rates.

Because, in short, the people of Richmond without gaining any benefit whatever, would HAVE TO PAY THE WHOLE COST OF BEING EXPLOITED—MADE FOOLS OF, in other words—by a concern whose only appeal is an appeal to sentimentality to levy a TAX ON ALL THE PEOPLE to help it out of the hole of its own digging, enhance the nuisance value of its property, and enable it to sell out at a higher price.

Do YOU see any REASON why such an INJUSTICE TO THE PEOPLE OF RICHMOND should be perpetrated? Why not talk it over with your friends in the City Council? And why not do that AT ONCE?—since if a franchise is once granted it cannot be revoked or altered, but becomes a contract binding on the city for many years to come.

Read to-morrow's Service Talk.

Virginia Railway and Power Company

Service Talk No. 27
June 20, 1912

NEED OF NEW LAW
SHOWN BY DEATH

Investigation Held When Infant
Died Without Physician's
Attendance.

One important reason for the new vital statistics law is shown in the very first death officially reported under the statute. The death was that of a colored infant in Hanover county, who died the day the law went into effect. No physician attended it, and under the provisions of the statute an investigation was had by Local Registrar George E. Heath, of Ashland.

It was found that the infant died from the effect of medicine administered to it, and that no physician was called, but the registrar heard of the death, and, as the law requires that

in such cases there shall be an investigation by a member of the local Board of Health, he called in the health officer. The two went to the home of the child and ascertained the facts, and the health officer signed the certificate of death. The burial permit was then issued.

"It is a remarkable coincidence," commented an official of the State Health Department, in discussing the case yesterday, "that the first death of which we have received official notification should be one that emphasized the importance of the precautions taken in the statute. Heretofore, persons who died without physicians' attendance in country districts and in many towns, could be buried without a permit or without an investigation of any sort. The death might have been due to natural causes or it might have been the result of violence, but in neither case did the State have any machinery except the coroner for ascertaining the fact." The death reported by Registrar Heath was clearly accidental, but had it been due to violence, the local registrar, in carrying out the provisions of the law, would certainly have ascertained that fact.

This new statute will be of great service to the civil law and to the individual, and it will undoubtedly be of value in detecting deaths due to violence.

The Health Department has received many encouraging letters since the statute became effective, and has been assured by local authorities in many counties that the measure will be upheld by public sentiment.

Call for Bank Statements.

Washington, June 19.—The Comptroller of the Currency to-day issued a call for the statement of all national banks in the United States at the close of business on Friday, June 14.

MILITIA PAY-BILL
MAY BE DELAYED

Pamphlet in Its Behalf Issued by
Virginians to Influence
Congress.

Although all parties in interest have agreed upon the militia pay bill as it reads now, there is a feeling among the Virginia volunteers that the measure will not pass at the present session of Congress. Politics is supposed to be the power which will prevent action until next winter.

The bill is in the House Committee on Military Affairs. It has been approved by the Secretary of War and by the executive committee of the National Guard Association, which represents the organized militia of the country. Apparently there is nobody longer to oppose it.

The impression is that the Democratic majority in the House and the Republican majority in the Senate do

not want this legislation to get by during a national political campaign. The cry of excessive expenditure might be raised, to the detriment of one or the other party. This in spite of the fact that the total cost per annum, even if all present military organizations recruit to their full strength, and every man attends all of the forty drills which as much as the increase in the pension list voted by Congress.

As a result, the Virginia militiamen are impatient. But they have waited so many years that perhaps they will not object too strenuously, provided the passage of the bill next week is assured.

A pamphlet has just been issued, evidently by Virginians interested in the measure, advocating the bill. It contains clippings from newspapers of this State in behalf of the Pepper bill, interviews with Adjutant-General

W. W. Sale and Major T. M. Wortham, a copy of the bill and an explanation of it by General Edward C. Young, chairman of the executive committee of the National Guard Association. Evidently the intent is to arouse the militia to do something with the Virginia delegation in Congress.

Suddith—Pickett.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Fredericksburg, Va., June 19.—Henry Suddith and Miss Lily Hyacinth Pickett, both of Mathews county, were married a few days ago at the home of the bride in that county. Rev. Geo. Cowan performing the ceremony. The groom is a son of Rev. and Mrs. L. H. Suddith, and the bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Pickett.

Summer School Opens.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Harrisonburg, Va., June 19.—The State Normal School opened its summer session to-day. The enrollment will pass the 400-mark.

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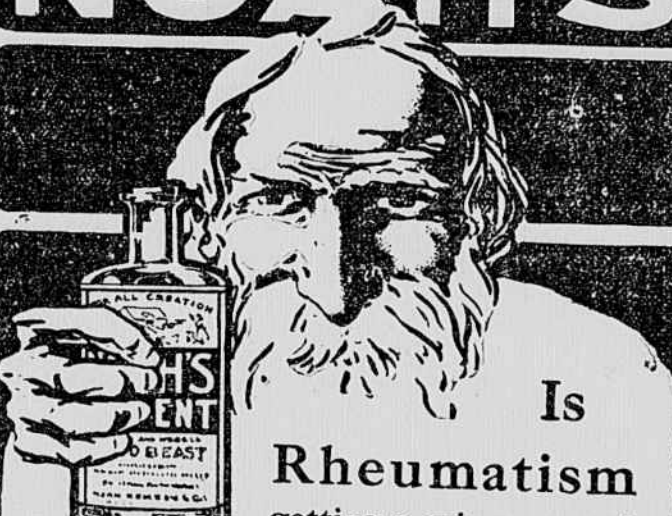
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